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ABSTRACT

Using classroom teaching practices as models, the text advocates and demonstrates teaching local and U. S. history through experiential activities. Students travel to historic sites and exhibits, examine archives and primary source documents, analyze movies and documentaries, conduct interviews, and engage in art-making activities. Throughout the book numerous sources for historical information and documents and practical suggestions for cultivating contacts are given. Chapter titles are: (1) "A Present of the Past"; (2) "Friends and Colleagues: The Art of Networking"; (3) "Bumper Stickers and Other Strategies"; (4) "If Statues Could Talk: Using Monuments to Teach"; (5) "Guest Speakers and Telephone Conferences"; (6) "Teaching History Through Film"; (7) "Doing History: Applied History and Interning"; and (8) "On the Road Again: Field Trips." Appendixes include information about historical films, related websites, and addresses of history of education associations. References are provided. (MM)

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